



Undocumented Immigrant Resources

There were 10.7 million unauthorized immigrants living in the U.S. in 2016. For decades, the United States has struggled to deal with the health care needs of its undocumented immigrants mainly through emergency room care and community health centers.

Despite the success of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) millions remain uninsured. Undocumented immigrants were excluded from ACA provisions and comprise the largest segment of this group. This factsheet will connect you with some health, legal, and educational resources and services that are available to undocumented individuals with disabilities living in the U.S.

Source: Pew Research Center <https://www.pewhispanic.org/2018/11/27/u-s-unauthorized-immigrant-total-dips-to-lowest-level-in-a-decade/>

Health Resources:

Hastings Center's Undocumented Patients: Undocumented Immigrants and Access to Health Care

<https://community.thehastingscenter.org/immigrant-health/>

21 Malcolm Gordon Rd.
Garrison, NY 10524

Through this research project, The Hastings Center is exploring the consequences of excluding undocumented immigrants and migrants from obtaining health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the continuing exclusion of this population from Medicaid coverage and most other entitlement programs.

Kaiser Family Foundation: Resources on Immigrants and Health Care Coverage

<http://kff.org/uninsured/report/resources-on-immigrants-and-health-care-coverage/>

New England Journal of Medicine article "Stuck between Health and Immigration Reform—Care for Undocumented Immigrants". 7/24/13

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1306636>

Gives an overview of which US health care services are available to undocumented immigrants.

See the Reeve Foundation's Community Health Centers factsheet (<http://www.christopherreeve.org/factsheets>.) for referral to a CHC as they usually accept undocumented people.

Legal Resources:

ACLU: Immigrants' Rights

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights?redirect=immigrants-rights>

125 Broad Street, 18th Floor

New York NY 10004

Phone: 212-549-2500

American Civil Liberties Union works to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

American Bar Association

www.americanbar.org

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/immigration/projects_initiatives/know-your-rights/

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Toll-free: 800-285-2221

See their website for the streaming video "Know Your Rights" on what immigrants held in immigration detention facilities can expect. Unlike in the criminal justice context, there is no right to government-paid counsel in immigration proceedings.

American Immigrant Lawyers Association

<https://www.aila.org/>

www.ailalawyer.com (lawyer search)

Suite 300, 1331 G Street, NW

Washington, DC 20005-3142

Phone: 202-507-7600

These lawyers specialize in immigration and charge fees for their services.

Department of Justice: Executive Office for Immigration Review

www.justice.gov/eoir

Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1902

Falls Church, VA 22041

Phone: 703-305-0289

Information on Accredited Representatives who work for an organization recognized by EOIR. The organization may charge a small fee for their services.

<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-and-accreditation-program>

They also have info on free or low-cost lawyers:

www.justice.gov/eoir/probono/states.htm

Federal Trade Commission: Immigration

www.ftc.gov/immigration

Phone to file a complaint: 877-382-4357; TTY: 1-866-653-4261

The FTC provides tips to help immigrants avoid being scammed and collect complaints against companies that have scammed or defrauded consumers.

Impact Fund: Lawyers for Immigrant Rights

<http://www.impactfund.org/immigrant-rights?qclid=CIDDof-UsswCFcYehgodFvgGvQ>

Immigration Advocates Network

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/>

The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrants' rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for low-income immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them. IAN promotes more effective and efficient communication, collaboration, and services among immigration advocates and organizations by providing free, easily accessible and comprehensive online resources and tools. They offer a list of immigration lawyers including pro bono attorneys which is searchable by zip codes, state, or detention facility:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory>

Immigration Equality

<http://www.immigrationequality.org/>

Provides free legal services to LGBT and HIV-positive immigrants.

National Immigration Law Center

<http://www.nilc.org/>

National Headquarters

3450 Wilshire Boulevard, #108-62

Los Angeles, CA 90010

Phone: 213-639-3900

Their mission is to defend and advance the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants. See a listing for state and local immigration rights coalitions at:

<https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/links/ircoalitions/>. They also have a “Know Your Rights Page” at: <https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights/> with info on what to do in immigration raids or when interacting with police officers.

There is also info on affidavits of support and sponsors here:

<https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/affidavits/>

National Immigration Law Center: Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement—Know Your Rights, Know Your Patients’ Rights

<https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/healthcare-provider-and-patients-rights-imm-enf/>

National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)

<http://partnershipfornewamericans.org/>

NPNA is a national multiethnic, multiracial partnership. They represent the collective power and resources of the country’s 37 largest regional immigrant and refugee rights

organizations in 31 states. Their members provide large-scale services—from DACA application processing to voter registration to health care enrollment—for their communities, and they combine service delivery with sophisticated organizing tactics to advance local and state policy.

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law: Legal Impact Network

www.povertylaw.org

The Legal Impact Network brings together strong legal and policy advocates from throughout the country who are using innovative, coordinated strategies to address poverty and advance racial justice. Our advocacy helps people meet their basic human needs, supports working families, promotes the well-being of children, and advances opportunity and justice for all. The network currently reaches 33 states and the District of Columbia.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

www.uscis.gov/forms

Phone: 1-800-870-3676

This website has forms, laws, handbooks to assist people.

State and Local Advocacy Resources:

Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

<https://www.alimmigrant.org/>

Alaska Immigration Justice Project

<http://www.akijp.org/>

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

<http://www.chirla.org/>

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

<http://icirr.org/>

228 S. Wabash, Suite 800

Chicago IL, 60604

Phone: 312-332-7360

NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice

<http://www.njimmigrantjustice.org/>

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

<https://miracoalition.org/>

New York Immigration Coalition

<https://www.nyic.org/>

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

<http://www.tnimmigrant.org/>

2195 Nolensville Road

Nashville, TN 37211
Phone: 615-833-0384

Education Resources:

FinAid: Financial Aid and Scholarships for Undocumented Students

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml>

This page discusses in-state tuition and applying for federal student aid and links to several resources for scholarships that may be open to undocumented students.

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA): Tip Sheet for Undocumented Students

https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/Tip_Sheet_for_Undocumented_Students_2017.pdf

U.S.A. Learns

www.usalearns.org

Email: help@usalearns.org

U.S.A. Learns is a free web site to help adult immigrants learn English. U.S.A. Learns is a joint effort of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), Internet and Media Services Department and the Project IDEAL Support Center at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

General Resources:

The Children's Aid Society: Benefits for Undocumented Immigrants

http://www.childrensaidsociety.org/files/upload-docs/11-Benefits_for_Immigrants-1.pdf

Phone: 212-358-8930

(Most of the resources are specific to NY but some are national resources.)

National Immigration Law Center: Immigrant Eligibility for Disaster Assistance

<https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/immigrant-eligibility-disaster-assistance/>
https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/disasterassist_immeligibility_2007-062.pdf

This document answers questions such as: Which disaster services are "unrestricted" or "restricted"? In a mixed-status household, who's eligible for what? What if ID or other documents are lost or destroyed? May nonprofit agencies provide services to people who can't provide proof of their immigration status?

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